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Ald. José G. Pérez (414) 286-3762

Council approves resolution calling for visas for parents and spouses of DACA or TPS recipients

The Common Council on Tuesday, July 9 approved a resolution urging the United States Congress to introduce and pass legislation that would create a three-year renewable visa program for the spouses and parents of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Temporary Protected Status (TPS) recipients.

Common Council File #190557, sponsored by Alderman José G. Pérez, calls for a visa program that would allow undocumented parents and spouses to stay and work legally to provide for the economic, physical, and emotional security and development of their child(ren) or spouse. The resolution is co-sponsored by the entire Common Council.

"I'm proud of all of my colleagues on the Council for showing their unanimous support for this important resolution," said Ald. Pérez. "Approving this legislation is a fitting way to welcome the League of United Latin American Citizens Convention to Milwaukee."

Milwaukee became just the third city U.S. city to pass the legislation, which calls for visas and work permits to be issued on proof that the applicant has no criminal convictions.

The Common Council also approved **File #190557**, whereby the Council accepts a gift of booth space at the 90th LULAC National Convention and Exposition. The convention is being held from July 10-13 in Milwaukee. Again, the legislation was co-sponsored by the entire Common Council.

"LULAC has fought to advance the civil rights of Hispanic Americans for 90 years," said Ald. Pérez. "It's an honor to host the organization's national convention in our city and we're thankful for their generous gift to the Council."